

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District (Boundary Increase II)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 208 Main Street N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Crown Point N/A ☐ vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Lake code 089 zip code 46307

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be consider significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:) _____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-state
- ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
- ☒ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A _____

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

WORK IN PROGRESS

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MODERN MOVEMENT: Moderne

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	STONE: granite
walls	STONE: limestone
	BRICK
roof	ASPHALT
other	

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significant within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination if individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1936-1940

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Buckley, George

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Lake County, IN

County and State

Name of Property

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Three empty bar charts are provided for data entry. The first chart is labeled 'Zone' and has a vertical axis with a tick mark at '1'. The second chart is labeled 'Easting' and has a horizontal axis with five tick marks. The third chart is labeled 'Northing' and has a horizontal axis with five tick marks.

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization HLF - Calumet date 7/30/06

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city or town Gary state IN zip code 46403

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 0r 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name BryWal Real Estate LLC

street & number 220 Hoffman St telephone (219) 663-8500

city or town Crown Point state IN zip code 46307

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Description

Purpose

208 Main Street was not included in the boundaries of the Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District (listed 12/2003) nor the boundary increase for the Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District (listed 12/2005). At the time of both nominations, the building was total obscured, to the extent that it appeared to be a recent, c. 1960 commercial building. The current owner has revealed the building to have sufficient integrity to be included in the district. Also, historical research by the owner has revealed the building's historical and architectural significance within the context of the district.

The building as it appeared from about 1970 to several months ago was as follows:

This building was a two story, flat roofed structure. The main façade and half of the visible side elevation along an alley were covered with stuccoed panels divided by strips of rough sawn wood, creating a stucco and half timber effect. Small horizontal windows, symmetrically placed on the second floor, were paired to either side of a central blank stuccoed area. These small upper windows had open gabled hoods that projected about a foot from the façade. The main entrance, centered on the first floor, also had a butterfly open gabled hood. Picture window style openings flanked the center doorway. The stucco and half timber effect wrapped around to the side elevation and continued, with no openings, for about 20 feet. Then, the rear part of the building was exposed tan-gray brick with a roll-up freight door near the junction of the timbered section and "warehouse" section.

In 2006, the current owner conducted exploratory removal of the false façade. Underneath, the original 1936 façade was intact, but damaged by attachment of the false timbered façade. The current character is as follows:

The front façade has polished black granite base about 3 ½ feet high. The date "1936" is inscribed to the left of the left hand first floor window. The entrance is centered in the elevation and has a recessed doorway with one story high transom area. Originally, the entry had double doors of polished metal with a large single light. There was a small curved projecting bulkhead with horizontal streamlined grooves protecting the doorway. Above that rose the one story high transom with metal framed, staggered rectangular panes of plate glass. The present doors are replacements; the transom area glass has been removed and infilled with frame construction and a blank modern door. Above the black granite base rises the smooth dressed limestone veneer walls. The stone is scarred by attachment points for the false front. To either side of the entrance, there are two long horizontal windows. These were originally tripartite with a wider central plate glass piece, but, likely to accommodate the false timbered façade, the windows were replaced with a single plate glass pane. The both windows extended down about 4 inches into the black granite base, necessitating the removal of the granite veneer panel below that window. But the width or height of the opening was not altered. The upper floor has the central transom area, and above it "LAKE COUNTY / TITLE COMPANY" is inscribed in the limestone veneer. There are two small square windows on either side of the transom, aligning with its lintel height. Originally, these had an "X" shaped metal grille over, or dividing, each square window. Now, there are just square single glass panes. A narrow coping course of stone completes the top of the façade. The granite base and smooth stone upper façade wrap the corner, and continue for 20 or so feet. The elevation steps down in height at this point. The façade material is the original tan-gray brick, with an opening for a vent and a freight door near the junction of the finished façade treatment and the rear section.

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Significance

The Lake County Title Company should be added to the Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District, because it relates to the themes of commerce and architecture as related in the original National Register nomination. The building was constructed within the period of significance of the district, and adds a distinctive example of Art Moderne to the district's collection of architectural styles. Additionally, the building had a quasi-governmental role that was ideally suited to its location immediately across from the courthouse. It was built for and by the Lake County Title Company, so that as citizens registered changes in titles at the courthouse, clients could obtain related services, including retrieval and storage of title documents.

In 1936, the Lake County Title Company announced plans to construct a two story, block long brick office and records warehouse in Crown Point. The function of the building both necessitated its location on the square, and dictated its design. The small windows on the upper floor opened to modern office space intended to house rows of workers doing title research. The large warehouse area to the rear was intended to be a secure, fireproof records storage area.

Architect George Buckley, of Chicago and Hammond, created the elegant, Art Moderne design. The Moderne style, a less ornamented and more formal mode than Art Deco, was ideal for a modern facility like this. It makes a unique statement on the courthouse square, as it must have in 1936.

Bibliography

"Vice President Eder Announces New Office Building for Crown Point," *Hammond Times*, February 29, 1936, unknown page number.

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the northwest corner of the property at 113 N. Main Street and moving east to the west side of Main Street. Turning south and running to the south side of Clark Street. Running with the alley across Parry Court to the north side of Joliet Street. Turning west and running along the north side of Joliet Street to east side of Main Street. Turning southwest and running to the southwest corner of Main and Joliet. Turning south and running along the west side of Main Street to the southeast corner of the building at 103 East Joliet Street. Running across South Main Street to the northwest corner of 208 South Main Street. Continuing to run 143 feet east along the north façade of 208 South Main Street. Turning south at the northeast corner of 208 S. Main Street. Turning west and running 72 feet along the south facade and crossing Hack Court to the south side of the street. Running west east along the south side of Hack Court to the alley behind 210 South Main Street. Turn south and run along the west side of the alley to the north side of 220 South Main Street. Running south, parallel to this façade and 211 South East Street to the west side of East Street. Running south along the west side of East Street to the southeast corner of the property at 213 South East/232 S. Main Street. Turning west and running along the property line, to the east side of Main Street. Running south along the east side of Main Street, crossing Walnut Street and running west along the south side of Walnut Street to the corner of Walnut and East Streets. Turn south on East Street until the property line of 302 S. Main Street and running west along the property line to South Main Street. Crossing Main Street along to the southeastern tip of the property line of 301-303 South Main Street. Running along the southern property line of 301-303 South Main Street and turning north along the western property line until Walnut. At the northwest corner of 301-303 South Main Street and Walnut Street, running east until the corner of Walnut Street and South Main Street. Running north crossing Walnut Street.

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Running north along the west side of South Main Street, parallel to the properties at 232 and 200 South Main Street. Turn west and run along the southern property line of 223 South Main Street to the northwest corner of 232 South Court Street and turning south to run along the east side of South Court Street until across the street from the southwestern most tip of 227 South Court Street. Run west, crossing South Court Street to the southern property line of 227 South Court Street and run west to the western property line of 227 South Court Street and run north along the property lines of 221 South Court and 213 South Court. When the west property line of 213 South Court Street comes to a curb to the south of BankOne, turn and run east along the property line to the west side of South Court Street. Turn north along the west side of South Court Street and run along the southern property line of 103-05 South Court Street, then north to the northwest corner of 107 North Court Street. At this corner turn southeast and go to the east side of Court Street and run north along the east side of South Court Street. Cross North Court Street and run with the southern property line of 19 North Court Street to the southwest corner. Turn north and run with the western property lines of 19, 21 and 105 North Court Street. At the alley on the north side of 105 North Court Street, turn east and run to the west side of North Court Street. Turn south and go to the southern boundary of 21 South Court Street, turn east and cross North Court Street to the northern property line of 120 West Clark. Run along the northern property line of 120 and 118 West Clark Street and turn south at the northeastern corner of the property line of 118 West Clark Street. Run south along the property line of 118 West Clark Street to north side of West Clark Street. Turn east and run along the north side of West Clark Street until the alley. Turn north and run along the alley behind North Main Street. Run north along the east side of the alley to place of beginning at 113 North Main Street.

Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District Boundary Adjustment II Lake County, Indiana

District Boundaries

Contributing

Non-contributing

Historical Markers

National Register

Photographs

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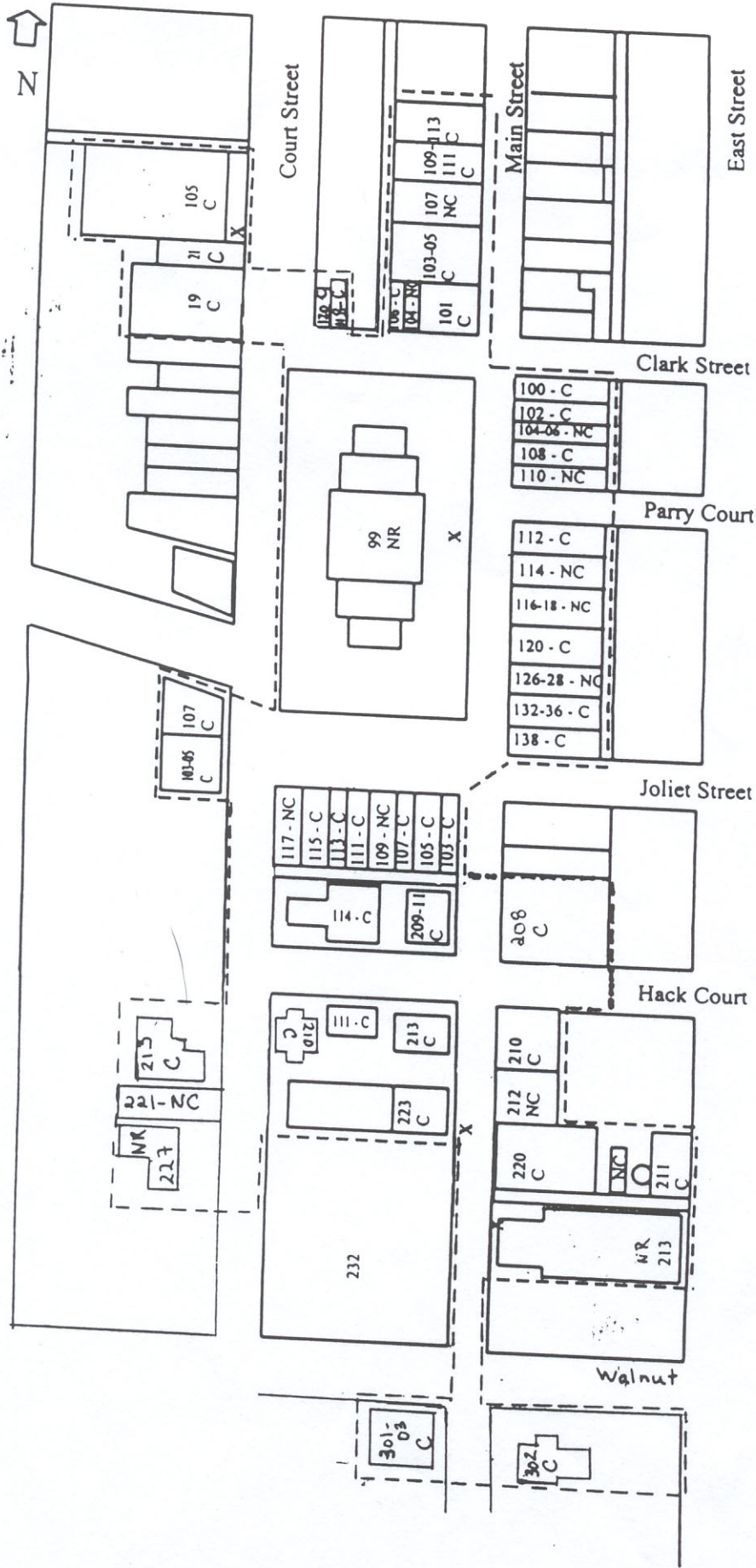
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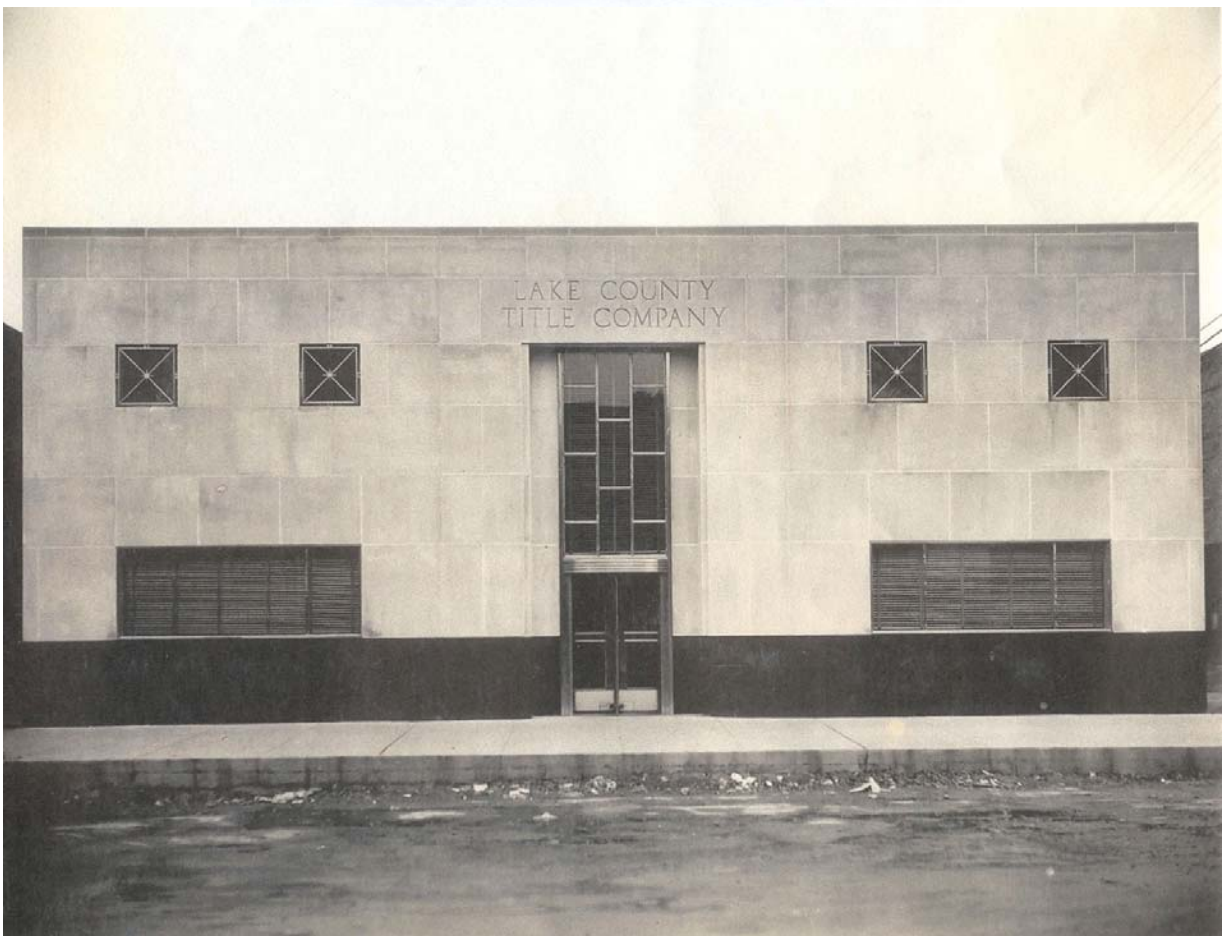
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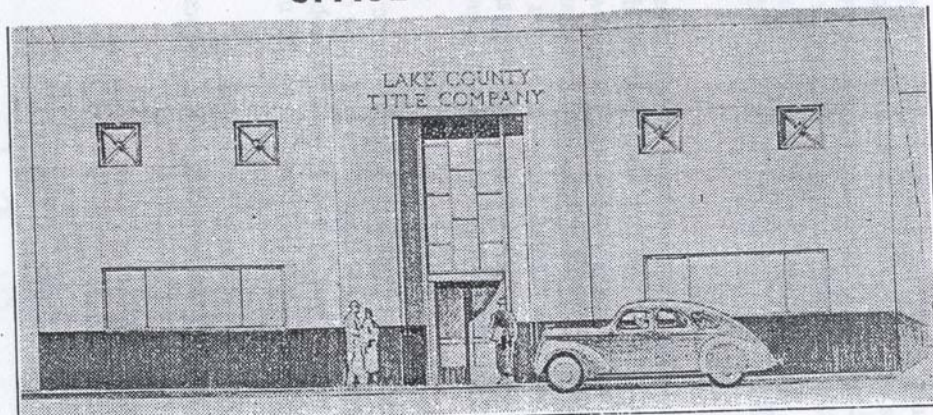




THE HAMMOND TIMES

HAMMOND, INDIANA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1936

VICE PRESIDENT EDER ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR CROWN POINT



Architect's drawing and detailed plans have just been completed by George H. Buckley, architect of Chicago and Hammond for the erection of a new office building for the Lake County Title company to be located at Crown Point, according to an announcement made by Edward J. Eder, vice president of that organization. It is estimated that the building will cost approximately \$50,000.

The building is unique in that with the exception of the business office in the front, the entire structure will be of vault construction. There will be no outside openings in the plant except the entrance. This type of construction is particularly desirable on account of the highly specialized business of the company and the great value attached to its records. With such construction the company will be enabled to store its abstract and title records in steel cases in the work room without the necessity of transferring them to separate vaults at night. Modern lighting,

air-conditioning and insulation will make outside light and ventilation

unnecessary.

The design of the building is modern though not extreme. The material will be either Bedford stone or face brick on the front and part of the side, with brick for the remainder.

This type of vault construction for an entire building is new among title and abstract companies and it is predicted that it will become popular on account of the economy in operation which it makes possible as well as the great reduction in fire hazard.

Since the Lake County Title company owns the only complete set of tract indices in Lake county and since the company has been in operation for nearly a century, it is most important that these voluminous records be accorded maximum protection.

The building was designed with the advice of Holabird and Root, consulting architects to Chicago Title and Trust company. Bids will be received, and it is planned to commence actual construction within the next 30 days.



Edward J. Eder